

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

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THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2009

United States Senate,
Joint Committee on Printing,
Washington, D.C.

The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 11:46 a.m., in Room SC-4, Capitol Building, Hon. Charles E. Schumer, presiding.

Present: Senators Schumer, Udall of New Mexico, and Bennett of Utah; Representatives Brady of Pennsylvania, Lungren, and McCarthy of California.

Senate Staff present (all from the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration): Jean Bordewich, Staff Director; Jason Abel, Chief Counsel; Josh Brekenfeld, Professional Staff; Lynden Armstrong, Chief Clerk; Matthew McGowan, Professional Staff; Justin Perkins, Staff Assistant; Mary Jones, Republican Staff Director; Abbie Platt, Republican Professional Staff; and Trish Kent, Republican Professional Staff.

House Staff present (all from the Committee on House Administration): S. Elizabeth Birnbaum, Staff Director; Michael L. Harrison, Professional Staff Member; Matt Pinkus, Committee Parliamentarian; Alec Hoppes, Andi Snow and Salley Collins, Minority Professional Staff Members.

OPENING STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN SCHUMER

Senator Schumer. A quorum is present and I call the organizational meeting of the Joint Committee on Printing to order. I want to thank everyone in advance for attending this meeting.

I want to recognize Congressman Brady for a motion.

Representative Brady. All the Members having been elected and a quorum assembled, our first order of business is the election of a Chairman. By custom, the Chairmanship alternates between the houses with each Congress. As outgoing Chairman, I move that the Senator from New York, Mr. Schumer, be elected Chairman for the 111th Congress. Are there any further nominations?

[No response.]

Representative Brady. Is there debate?

[No response.]

Representative Brady. Without objection, the motion is agreed to, and the Senator from New York is hereby elected Chairman of the Joint Committee on Printing for

48 the 111th Congress.

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50 [Applause.]

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52 **Chairman Schumer.** Thank you. I would like to make a 20-minute speech.

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54 [Laughter.]

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56 **Chairman Schumer.** I now move that Congressman Brady be designated as the
57 Vice Chairman of the Joint Committee on Printing for the 111th Congress. All those in
58 favor, say aye.

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60 [Chorus of ayes.]

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62 **Chairman Schumer.** All those opposed, nay.

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64 [No response.]

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66 **Chairman Schumer.** The ayes have it. The motion is agreed to.

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68 When both Houses are controlled by the same party, the senior member of the
69 minority party named to the Joint Committee on Printing in the House of Congress
70 opposite that of the Chair shall be the Ranking Member of the Joint Committee.
71 Therefore, I would like to announce that for the 111th Congress, Congressman Lungren
72 will serve as the Ranking Member of the committee.

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74 As Chairman, I would like to welcome all the distinguished members of this
75 committee for the 111th Congress, Senator Murray, Senator Udall, Senator Bennett,
76 Senator Chambliss, and our House colleagues, Congressman Brady, our Vice Chairman,
77 Congressman Capuano, Congresswoman Davis, Congressman Lungren, our Ranking
78 Member, and Congressman McCarthy.

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80 The U.S. Government Printing Office was established by Congress in 1813 with
81 the core mission of keeping America informed. The GPO is the Federal Government's
82 primary centralized resource for gathering, authenticating, cataloging, providing, and
83 preserving published information.

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85 The oversight responsibility for the Government Printing Office and dissemination
86 of information to the public through the Federal Depository Library System is vested
87 principally in the Joint Committee on Printing. Congress is dependent on the ability of the
88 GPO to provide electronic and printed versions of our legislative documents and
89 Congressional Record in a timely manner. I look forward to working with the Vice
90 Chairman to ensure that the GPO can continue to fulfill its mission.

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92 Before we move to the adoption of the committee rules, I would like to call on any
93 of the members of the committee for any remarks.

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95 [No response.]

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97 **Chairman Schumer.** Then, finally, we would like to adopt the committee rules.
98 The Chair lays before the committee a motion adopting the committee rules for the Joint
99 Committee on Printing for the 111th Congress. The rules are identical to the rules of the
100 previous Congress. Is there any discussion?

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102 **Vice-Chairman Brady.** None. Mr. Chairman, the rules adopted for the last
103 session served us well. Therefore, I move that the rules of the Joint Committee on
104 Printing for the 110th Congress be adopted as the rules of the Joint Committee for the
105 111th Congress.

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107 **Chairman Schumer.** The question is on the motion. All in favor, say aye.

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109 [Chorus of ayes.]

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111 **Chairman Schumer.** All those opposed, say nay.

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113 [No response.]

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115 **Chairman Schumer.** The ayes have it and the motion is agreed to and the
116 committee rules are adopted.

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118 Before I close the meeting, I would like to let members know we have a
119 photographer from the Senate Photographic Studio here to take a picture of the members
120 who are present at today's organizing meeting.

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122 [A photograph was taken.]

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124 **Chairman Schumer.** This picture will appear on the front page of your local
125 newspaper tomorrow.

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127 [Laughter.]

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129 **Chairman Schumer.** Thank you very much. The meeting is adjourned.

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131 [Whereupon, at 11:49 a.m., the committee was adjourned.]

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